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REFERRING TO "AGREED UK-US MINUTE ON 'CONTINGENCY PLANNING' FOR BERLIN", WILKINSON, BRITISH EMBASSY, SAID HE THOUGHT INSTRUCTIONS TO "ALLIED EMBASSIES BONN", PARTICULARLY THOSE PARA 2, "COULD MEAN ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN." IN VIEW THIS, SAID BRITISH EMBASSY HAS QUERIED LONDON FOR CLARIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS. PLEASE PROTECT SOURCE.

AS MATTER IMMEDIATE IMPORTANCE, IS IT DEPARTMENT'S VIEW THAT FOR PURPOSES DRAFTING CONTINGENCY PLANS, WE STILL TO BE GUIDED BY INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED DEPARTMENT'S G-397 AND DEPTTEL 2071, PARTICULARLY LIMITATIONS SPELLED OUT PARA (C) AND (B) OF LATTER?

PARA 2 MINUTE SEEMS CALL FOR BASIC CHANGE CONTINGENCY PLANNING. FOR EXAMPLE WHAT WOULD BE SPECIFIC, PRACTICAL, LIMITS BEYOND WHICH WE SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT GO "TO ENABLE DDR PERSONNEL ENSURE ORDERLY PROGRESS TRAFFIC AUTOBAHN AND RAILROAD"? IF INTERPRETED LITERALLY COULD THIS NOT REPEAT NOT BE TAKEN MEAN THAT WE SHOULD ACCEPT VIRTUALLY ALL CONTROL PROCEDURES WHICH GDR MIGHT CLAIM NECESSARY IN ORDER ACHIEVE "ORDERLY PROGRESS"?

IN VIEW URGENT NEED COMPLETE CONTINGENCY PLANNING, DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS APPRECIATED SOONEST.

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